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SUBJECT: BARBADIAN SEIZURE OF GUATEMALAN MILITARY SUPPLIES

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1. REFTELS CROSSED.

2. ACCORDING 1 JULY LOCAL PRESS, GOB PRIME MINISTER ADAMS WILL MEET TODAY WITH GOG EMISSARIES GEN. RENE MENDOZA AND DR. ROBERTO HERRERA TO DISCUSS THE AMMUNITION SEIZURE. AN ARGENTINE UN OFFICER, ROGELIO PFIRTER, IS SCHEDULED TO MEET A "MINEXTAFF OFFICIAL", ALSO TODAY. (THE SEIZED AIRCRAFT IS ARGENTINE REGISTERED.) PFIRTER HAS ALSO REQUESTED TO MEET WITH THE DETAINEE CREW MEMBERS AND IT IS ASSUMED HIS REQUEST WILL BE GRANTED.

3. A CANA DISPATCH FROM BELIZE HAS A SPOKESMAN IN PRIMER

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PRICE'S OFFICE SAYING THAT THE GOB ACTION WAS IN KEEPING WITH THE SOLIDARITY OF "OUR CARICOM MEMBER NATIONS IN THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE STRUGGLE OF BELIZE TO BE FREE FROM THE THREAT OF GUATEMALA."

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4. COMMENT: THE CUSTOMS INSPECTORS ZEAL HAS PLACED THE
GOB IN AN OBVIOUS AND UNEVIABLE BIND. PERMANENT CON-
FISCATION OF OFFICIAL GUATEMALAN MATERIALS WOULD BE
DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY WHILE RELEASE OF THE AMMUNITION
WILL NET THE GOB BRICKBATS FROM COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN
"HAWKS" ON THE BELIZE QUESTION. SINCE SOME BARBADIANS,
INCLUDING FORMER PRIME MINISTER ERROL BARROW, HAVE SUG-
GESTED AT TIME IN THE PAST THAT THEY SUSPECT THE USG OF A PRO-
GATEMALA BIAS, WE HAVE ESCHEWED MAKING ANY REQUEST TO THE GOB
FOR INFORMATION IN THIS MATTER.
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